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In re Application of :  
Branch, Gregory L. :  
Application No. 10/557,758 : ON PETITION  
Filed: November 17, 2005 :  
Attorney Docket No. 110120.402 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2)(i), filed June 23, 2006, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section V: Environmental Quality.

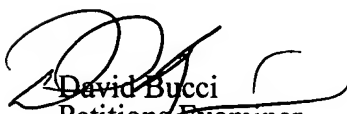
The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2)(i), MPEP § 708.02, Section V: Environmental Quality must be accompanied by statements by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the inventions contribute to the restoration or maintenance of one of the basic life-sustaining natural elements, i.e., air, water, and soil. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement from the attorney of record, detailing out the invention contributes to the restoration or maintenance of mankind's air and soil. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Liana Chase at 571-272-3206. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing. The matter will be then be referred to the Technology Center Art Unit 1711 for expedited prosecution.

  
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Petitions Examiner  
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